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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14,
1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
BUREAUS. EA, NEA, EB, AND IO DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

AF - TALCOTT W. SEELYE, ACTING

CALL BY SWISS MINISTER: I BRIEFED MINISTER HOHL OF THE
SWISS EMBASSY ON CURRENT INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,
STRESSING THAT WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC PLAN FOR ACHIEVING
A SOLUTION TO NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA BUT RATHER HOPE
TO SERVE AS A CATALYST TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER
WITH A VIEW TO NEGOTIATION OF SETTLEMENTS.

BRIEFING OF PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR DELLENBACK: I
DISCUSSED WITH DELLENBACK TODAY PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE DIRECTION OF OUR CURRENT
INITIATIVES THERE. HE FEELS THAT THE PEACE CORPS
IS DOING GOOD WORK IN SWAZILAND, LESOTHO AND BOTSWANA.
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ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

ARA - LUERS, ACTING

ECUADOR -- HARRY AND OTHERS FROM L AND EB MET TODAY WITH THE PRESIDENT OF GULF AND OTHER TOP-LEVEL GULF OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEM IN ECUADOR. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR HAS PLACED A DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 30 ON GULF FOR PAYMENTS WHICH GULF REFUSES TO MAKE. IF GULF FAILS TO PAY, EXPROPRIATION COULD FOLLOW. THEY ARE AT AN IMPASSE. THE GULF OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY WOULD TRY TO COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL FOR THE ECUADOREANS THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO SLIP THE DEADLINE. WE SAID THAT WE THOUGHT THIS AN ESSENTIAL STEP.

SHLAUDEMAN -- HARRY WENT TO NEW YORK THIS AFTERNOON TO SPEAK TO AN INFORMAL DINNER SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS ON ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE ANDEAN PACT. CONGRESSMAN GILLIS LONG WILL BE THE OTHER GUEST SPEAKER.

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EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON'S STATEMENT.
SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER WAS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY.
HE WILL BE COMING IN TOMORROW AFTER I RETURN FROM MY
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPEARANCE.

2. HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON ROMANIAN EMIGRATION/MFN.
THIS MORNING I TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED MFN FOR
ROMANIA BEFORE THE TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE WAYS AND
MEANS. HARRY BARNES WAS ALSO PRESENT, AS WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE, TREASURY AND STR. VANIK, BINGHAM
AND FINDLEY APPEARED AS WITNESSES AND GAVE USEFUL SUPPORT.
JUDGING FROM THE TONE OF THE HEARINGS AND COMMENTS FROM
CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS AFTERWARD, IT APPEARS THAT CONGRESS
WILL ALLOW THE WAIVER TO BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED FOR
ANOTHER YEAR ON OCTOBER 15. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, WE
CAN EXPECT CONTINUED CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY OF ROMANIA'S
PERFORMANCE ON EMIGRATION AND HUMANITARIAN CASES.

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3. I WENT OVER YOUR REVISED CYPRUS PRINCIPLES WITH THE
BRITISH CHARGE AND A UK FOREIGN OFFICE CYPRUS EXPERT. THE
BRITISH SUGGESTED SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE PARAGRAPHS DEALING
WITH TERRITORY AND THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES, AND A NEW
PARAGRAPH COVERING THE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER IN A FUTURE
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. WE ARE EXAMINING THESE AND WILL

INCORPORATE A DESCRIPTION OF THEM ALONG WITH DUTCH AND WALDHEIM VIEWS WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVED. THE UK WANTS TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE PRINCIPLES, AND THEIR CYPRUS EXPERT PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AFTER SHE HAS TALKED (NOT ABOUT THE PRINCIPLES) TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE WALDHEIM-CYPRIOT MEETINGS WHICH BEGIN TOMORROW.

4. RICHARDSON LUNCH FOR POLISH VICE PRIME MINISTER. I ATTENDED RICHARDSON LUNCH AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ABOUT ECONOMIC TROUBLES IN POLAND. IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY GOOFED ON THE PRICE INCREASES AND THE VICE PRIME MINISTER WAS FRANK TO SAY THAT THEY WILL PAY BOTH POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. DICK DAVIES BELIEVES THAT GIEREK HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKENED.

5. SPANISH AMBASSADOR LEAVING. AMBASSADOR ALBA CALLED ON BRUCE LAINGEN TO SAY HE WOULD BE LEAVING WASHINGTON AROUND SEPTEMBER 27, PRIOR TO YOUR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA ON OCTOBER 1. (WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHO WILL REPLACE ALBA BUT SUSPECT IT WILL BE ROVIRA, THEIR

VERY ABLE TREATY NEGOTIATOR.) ALBA MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR A FAREWELL CALL ON YOU, BUT LAINGEN EXPLAINED THAT YOUR RETURN DATE WAS UNCERTAIN AND THAT YOU WOULD BE HEAVILY ENGAGED IN UNGA MATTERS WHEN YOU RETURN.

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H- KEMPTON B. JENKINS, ACTING

1. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. I JOINED HYLAND, JACK MARSH, SEIDMAN, PARSKY AND OTHERS IN THE LATEST MEETING ON ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. PARSKY PROVIDED THE OUTCOME OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES MANEUVERING WITH RIBICOFF ON HIS AMENDMENT WHICH BENEFITS LARGELY FROM ITS CONFUSION AND INADMINISTRABILITY. THE EFFECTS ON U.S. BUSINESS OPERATIONS ARE BOUND TO BE NEGATIVE. IT IS AN UNPLEASANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AND THE BEST THAT CAN BE SAID IS THAT IT IS NOT AS BAD AS RIBICOFF SOUGHT.

IN THE HOUSE, THE RULES COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW TO CONSIDER THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT; JOHN ANDERSON IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE A RE-REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO KILL THE LEGISLATION. HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HIS CHANCES, NOR ARE WE. IN OUR MEETING TODAY, WE DISCUSSED THE TACTICAL OPTIONS, NAMELY: SEEK A FLOOR FIGHT OR RELY ON CONFERENCE TO SELECT THE DECIDEDLY LESS OBJECTIONABLE SENATE VERSION (STEVENSON AMENDMENT). THE CONSENSUS IN THE MEETING WAS TO AVOID A FLOOR FIGHT BECAUSE WE WOULD CLEARLY BE DEFEATED. IN CONVERSATION

WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON, LEE HAMILTON ADVISED STRONGLY AGAINST A FLOOR FIGHT AND WAS CONFIDENT THE HOUSE CONFEREES WOULD CHOOSE THE SENATE VERSION. MARSH AND HYLAND WILL TAKE THAT UP WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. SPANISH TREATY. BY A VOTE OF 331 TO 34, THE HOUSE TODAY ADOPTED THE BILL AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST YEAR OF THE 5-YEAR SPANISH TREATY. FLOOR MANAGER FASCELL EMPHASIZED THE FUNDAMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OF PRESERVING HOUSE PREROGATIVES AND THE ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION APPROPRIATION PROCEDURES. BLOOMFIELD, WINN, MORGAN, ZABLOCKI AND SOLARZ SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE BILL. THE BILL NOW GOES BACK TO THE SENATE FOR THAT BODY'S APPROVAL OF THE CHANGES THE HOUSE WROTE INTO THE ORIGINAL SENATE BILL.

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3. ARMS SALES. THE SFRC DECIDED TODAY TO HOLD AN ADDITIONAL HEARING ON THE ARMS SALES PACKAGE. IT NOW HAS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR: (A) SALES TO IRAN, SEPTEMBER 16; (B) SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA (MAVERICK MISSILES IN PARTICULAR) SEPTEMBER 21; AND (C) A CLEAN-UP SESSION, PROBABLY DEALING MOSTLY WITH IRAN, ON SEPTEMBER 24. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, THE COMMITTEE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORTEDLY AGREED

TO REJECT RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL ON ALL OTHER CASES AND WILL NOT HOLD HEARINGS ON THEM. THIS SHOULD BE FORMALIZED BY A VOTE FOLLOWING THE THURSDAY HEARING. IF THIS DECISION HOLDS, IT MEANS THAT THE SFRC HAS REJECTED THE NELSON/PROXMIRE MOVE TO CHALLENGE ARMS SALES IN GENERAL IN FAVOR OF FOCUSING ON THE PERSIAN GULF BUYERS.

4; INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ACT. THANKS TO YOUR LETTER TO DOC MORGAN ON MONDAY, THE HIRC REMOVED ITS HOLD ON THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ACT AUTHORIZATION AND AGREED TO A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION WITH \$10 MILLION AUTHORIZED. ACCORDING TO MARIAN CZARNECKI, MORGAN AGREED TO THIS STRICTLY BECAUSE OF YOUR REQUEST. THEY WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARINGS NEXT YEAR ON THE NEW AUTHORIZATION. JACKSON'S OFFICE CALLED TO CONGRATULATE US ON THIS EFFORT.

5. ROMANIAN MFN. COMPLETING THE CIRCUIT, HARTMAN TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE THIS MORNING ON THE EXTENSION OF ROMANIAN MFN. HARRY BARNES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMERCE, TREASURY AND STR JOINED HIM IN FIELDING QUESTIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ABOUT EMIGRATION AND THE BALANCE OF TRADE. THERE WERE NO SURPRISES IN THE EMIGRATION QUESTIONS, WHICH ARE HANDLED WELL, AS USUAL. THIS COMMITTEE HAS HAD MORE CONCERN ABOUT THE TRADE STATISTICS THAN THE FINANCE

COMMITTEE IN THE SENATE HAS, BUT MEMBERS SEEMED PERSUADED
BY OUR ANSWERS THIS MORNING.

CHAIRMAN GREEN OVERRULED SAM GIBBONS LATE LAST NIGHT
AND THE COMMITTEE, CONTRARY TO EARLIER PLANS, ALSO
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HEARD A NUMBER OF HUNGARIAN AMERICANS AND OTHER FRINGE
ELEMENTS. MIKVA, WHO WAS ACTING CHAIRMAN THROUGHOUT
THE HEARING, EFFECTIVELY KEPT THEM TO FIVE MINUTES EACH
AND NO QUESTIONS; MIKVA TOLD US HE WAS SATISFIED THE
HEARING HAD ACCOMPLISHED THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF
REMINDING THE ROMANIANS OF CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL
CONCERN OVER THE EMIGRATION ISSUE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE
PLANS TO DO NO MORE THAN PUBLISH A TRANSCRIPT OF THE
HEARING - WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT.

6. NUCLEAR CONTROL. THE JCAE THIS MORNING ACCEPTED
THE PRICE/ANDERSON BILL WITH ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S
PROPOSED CHANGES. IT WAS BEAUTIFUL TO WATCH. RIBICOFF,
GLENN, PERCY AND OTHERS ARE NOW MEETING TO CONSIDER
PROSPECTS OF PRESSING THE ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
BILL ON THE SENATE FLOOR. AT THIS BLUSH THEIR CHANCES

ARE NOT GOOD AND IT APPEARS MORE LIKELY THAT THE JCAE
BILL REPORTED OUT TODAY WILL PREVAIL.

7. NOMINATIONS. THE SFRC TODAY REPORTED OUT THE
FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FAVORABLY: BOSTER (GUATEMALA),
DICKMAN (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES), CRIGLER (RWANDA),
KATZ (EB), BYRNE (MALI), PALMER (TOGO), JAMES (NIGER),
STOESSEL (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY), WELLS (GUINEA-
BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE). CONFIRMATION IS EXPECTED WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

8. ON TAP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

--PHIL HABIB WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE SFRC ON THE
TURKISH DCA.

--LEONARD WALENTYNOWICZ WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE SISK
SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS CONCERNING
IMMIGRATION OF SPORT PROFESSIONALS.

--THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE WILL HEAR TESTIMONY FROM AN
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WITNESS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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L - GEORGE H. ALDRICH, ACTING

--I PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF THE U.S./
POLISH JOINT TRADE COMMISSION. AS COUNSEL TO THE U.S.
SIDE OF THE COMMISSION, I SHALL DRAFT THE AGREED MINUTES
AND NEGOTIATE THEM WITH THE POLES DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL
DAYS. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS GOOD, BUT THE
POLES (VICE PRIME MINISTER OLSZEWSKI) INSISTED ON SETTING
FORTH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEIR GREAT MANY COMPLAINTS.

--I MET WITH HABIB AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DEFENSE, NSC
AND OMB TO AGREE ON PREPARATION OF AN OPTIONS PAPER FOR
THE PRESIDENT ON THE ISSUES OF THE AMOUNT OF THE QUID AND
OUR RESPONSE TO THE RECENT PHILIPPINE AIDE MEMOIRE
CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF THE U.S./PHILIPPINE MUTUAL DEFENSE
TREATY. WE SHALL BE WORKING ON THIS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL
DAYS, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT DEFENSE WISHES TO RAISE OTHER
ISSUES BEYOND THESE TWO. WE SHALL RESIST.

--FELDMAN MET WITH HABIB TO REVIEW TOMORROW'S TESTIMONY ON
THE TURKISH BASE AGREEMENT.

--FELDMAN PARTICIPATED WITH MAW IN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
PROVISIONS OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT FOR REPORTING
FOREIGN PAYMENTS.

--SCHWEBEL JOINED SHLAUDEMANN, BOEKER, LUERS AND OTHERS IN
MEETING WITH GULF OIL PRESIDENT LEE AND HIS ASSOCIATES
ON THE CURRENT IMPASSE BETWEEN GULF AND ECUADOR. IN VIEW
OF MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS BY ECUADOR OF THE CONCESSION
REGIME, GULF IS WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS FOR OIL SALES DUE TO
ECUADOR. ECUADOR DEMANDS PAYMENT AS A PRECONDITION TO
FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. GULF IS NOW PREPARING TO SEND THE
GOE A PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT IN WRITING AND WILL ASK THE
USG TO PRESS ECUADOR TO WITHHOLD ITS THREATENED
FORFEITURE OF GULF'S ASSETS WHILE NEGOTIATIONS RESUME.

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